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Assignee:

MINEBEA CO., LTD.

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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in connection with the above-identified application for filing a Request for Oral Hearing. A Request for Oral Hearing was originally due March 30, 2004, and the time for the request is hereby extended to April 30, 2004. A check is enclosed for \$110.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee for a large entity.

The extension is requested due to the fact that the Examiner's Answer was mailed to Applicant's previous firm, Amster Rothstein & Ebenstein, thereby delaying delivery to Applicant's present firm, Schulte Roth & Zabel, by one month. As stated under 37 C.F.R. Rule 1.136(b), the extension of time is hereby requested for sufficient cause and for a reasonable time.

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Authorization is given hereby to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fee, or charge any additional extension of time fees necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application, to Deposit Account No. 500675, Order No. 861975-0089. Additionally, any additional extensions of time required to maintain the pendency of the subject application are hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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